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**CSS-4 SILO CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS
JINGXIAN SSM LAUNCH SITE 2, CHINA (SWN)**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A CIRCULAR FORM WAS OBSERVED IN THE SUPPORT AREA OF JINGXIAN SSM LAUNCH SITE 2, INDICATING THAT SILO CONSTRUCTION HAS PROGRESSED TO THE MID-STAGE. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THE CIRCULAR FORM IS 500 METERS NORTH OF THE CAMOUFLAGED SILO CONSTRUCTION, AND IS SIMILAR TO ONE OBSERVED DURING MARCH AND APRIL 1984 AT LUSHI SSM LAUNCH SITE 3

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_____ RADIAL SUPPORTS
SEGMENTED THE FORM INTO 35 WEDGE-SHAPED SECTIONS. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS: INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE CONSTRUCTION FORM AT LUSHI WAS ASSEMBLED IN THE CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AREA AT THE LAUNCH SITE AND THEN EITHER PLACED INTO THE SILO IN SECTIONS OR USED IN THE SUPPORT AREA TO FORM SILO COMPONENTS WHICH WERE THEN PLACED INTO THE SILO. IN EITHER CASE, NO ALTERATIONS TO THE PEAK-ROOFED SHELTER COVERING THE LUSHI SILO WERE OBSERVED DURING THAT TIME. THE FORM WAS TOO LARGE TO BE PLACED INTACT INTO THE SILO WITHOUT ALTERATIONS OF THE SHELTER. (SWN)

APPROXIMATELY 10 MONTHS PASSED BETWEEN THE OBSERVATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION FORM AT LUSHI AND NEAR COMPLETION OF THE MAJOR SILO STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS (I.E. EXHAUST DUCTS AND LAUNCH TUBE). PROVIDING THE SAME CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES AND PACE ARE USED AT JINGXIAN, THE MAJOR SILO STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS COULD BE COMPLETED AT LAUNCH SITE 2 BY JANUARY 1986. BASED ON THE CONSTRUCTION HISTORY OF LUONING SSM LAUNCH SITE 1 _____, HOWEVER, AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION ARE REQUIRED FROM THE POINT OF COMPLETION OF THE MAJOR SILO COMPONENTS UNTIL THE SILO REACHES OPERATIONAL STATUS. (SWN)

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3. _____ COORDINATES 26-28-52N 109-54-28E (S)

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